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Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated June 10, 1997, the due date for reply having been extended two (2) months to November 10, 1998, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 11 and 12 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the claim as follows:

Claim 7. (Twice Amended) A method for [a] treating a bone disorder comprising administering an effective bone disorder treating amount of interferon  $\beta$  or an interferon inducer to a patient suffering from said bone disorder; wherein said bone